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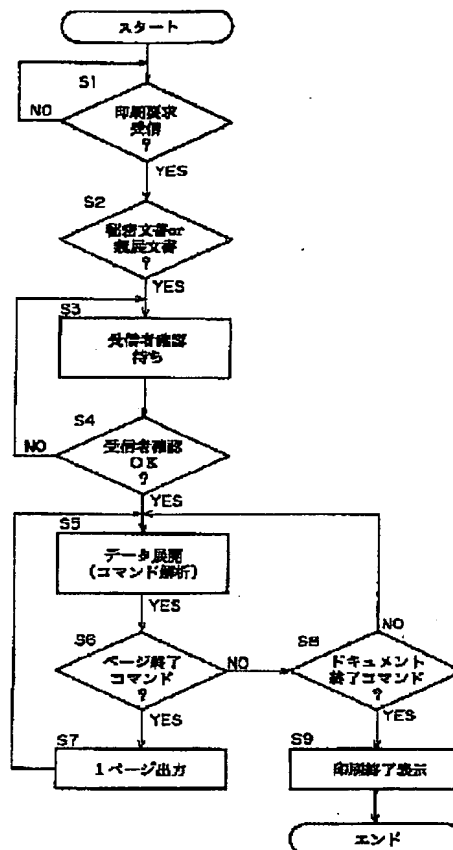
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TITLE : PRINTER



ABSTRACT : PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To permit a receiver to surely receive a document by maintaining confidentiality even in the case where an exclusive paper discharge portion can not be provided when a confidential or personal document is outputted.

SOLUTION: When this printer receives a printing request (S1), it is judged whether or not the printing is related to a confidential or personal document (S2). When the printing request is related to a general document, normal printing is performed. When the printing request is related to the confidential or personal document (S2-yes) the printing is stopped (S3) until the receiver authorization is executed, e.g. a receiver inputs an ID or a password. When the receiver authorization is executed (S4), the data is developed (S5), then printing is performed (S6-S8). When a command indicative of the end of the document is detected (S8), the printer requests a personal/confidential print indication section to display the information about the printing completion. A printing completion indication section indicates a message of printing completion on an operation panel (S9).

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